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Minden arena 'substantially complete'

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While the new Minden Hills arena is technically "substantially complete," councillors for the township heard during a Nov. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting that's a technical, architectural definition and there will likely be several more weeks of construction work before staff move into the building.

"So, occupancy was achieved on Oct. 22, and substantial completion was signed on Oct. 30," chief administrative officer Trisha McKibbin told council. "But I do want to make note that work still continues. So, substantial completion still means that is up to three per cent of work to still be completed. So we are not physically in the space, there is still construction work taking place. So painting is still happening, final finishes are taking place."

At one point in time, it was hoped that the \$12.75-million project would be completed in the spring, and in the spring, construction was delayed by a month due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

McKibbin told council there was likely still several weeks of work to be completed.

"And then the next step is for staff to operationalize the space," she said. "That includes moving staff, moving supplies, allocating space, storage."

There are still a couple of outstanding items – a snack bar, which including electrical work, plumbing, appliances, painting, millwork,

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Minden marks Remembrance Day

Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark speaks during the Minden Remembrance Day ceremony at the Village Green on Nov. 11. The event was scaled down amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including mainly members of the Legion's executive. See more on pages 4 and 5. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Kin Club looking to gain new ice track customers

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

COVID-19 might have caused one racing group to cancel its season at the Minden Fairgrounds, but there is still hope to hear the

revving of the engines and smell the burning of rubber with a meeting on Nov. 23 between the Kin Club of Minden and a collective of interested parties made up of two racing groups and a driving school.

The meeting is expected to include a group of racers without designation, the Drive Tech

Driver Training school, and the racing series LexusSPORT Cup, which may step in to fill the void left when the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs pulled the plug on their season earlier this month due to the pandemic.

Financial viability is at the heart of the

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Continued vigilance key in pandemic: education director

by JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board meeting on Nov. 10.

Staff at area schools are being encouraged not to let their guard down as the school year progresses, continuing to observe strict protocols to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Wes Hahn, director of education for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, told trustees at their meeting on Nov. 10 that the number one statement from public health officials was "don't let your guard down."

"It's human nature as we move forward to want to move into that normalcy and become more relaxed in an environment that is still ... at risk from, you know, potentially getting the virus. We are always trying to be on our guard," he said.

As the winter approaches, more attention will need to be paid to the cleaning and storage of winter clothing, he said.

"It's a piece that we're not concerned about, we know our administrators can handle that, but keeping to our environment of cleaning of high-touch surfaces and avoid congregating and mixing of cohorts while we're doing all of that is something we're continuously thinking about because you can imagine with all the clothing and boots and everything coming in, it would be easy to relax back into a regular day, a regular setting, a regular routine of how to do that, but we are going to maintain our protocols of how that is stored and not get into lockers ... so we can stay as safe as possible."

Hahn said that requests are still regularly made from community partners to visit the schools, but the policy remains that only essential staff are permitted.

"We are going to continue to look at that, because we don't want to withhold services from any of our kids or supports for our teachers, but again I can't say it enough: we're taking it very slowly and being very careful about how we do that," he said.

Schools to close on snow days

In order to keep student cohorts separate and to ensure secondary students don't fall behind when buses aren't running, TLDSB will be closing schools during snow days.

Typically, when there's bad weather, those students and staff who are able to make it to the school would go forward with classes.

In elementary school, often students from different classes would be mixed together because some teachers may not have been able to make it in. This practice wouldn't be advisable during the pandemic, as students are being kept to their own cohort.

In high schools, students are learning in "octoblocks," taking one class at a time for a set number of days before moving on to the next block. If their classes continued for only those who could safely make it in, some students would be missing a huge portion of course material.

"Knowing the ... small number of days that secondary students have, if they miss learning for a day or two then it becomes a real issue," Hahn said.

On days when the buses aren't running, the school will be closed and students will be expected to learn from home online.

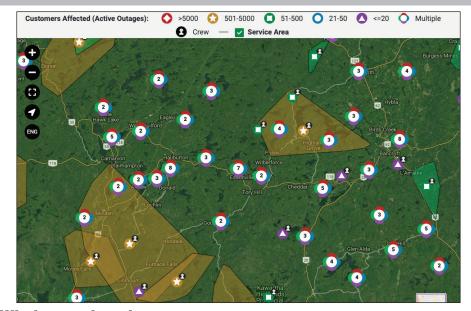
"We will get a majority of our students learning on a snow day, which is a little bit different than we've had in the past," he said.

Equity plan in the works

An equity task force made up of staff and community members will be formed in the next couple of weeks for TLDSB, working toward creating an equity plan.

Hahn highlighted issues related to poverty, racial diversity, the LGBTQ community, access to technology and infrastructure.

The intention is for the task force to "look at our board and areas of our board that we can improve upon and areas of the board that we can grow and support for learning for both students and staff," Hahn said. "... This isn't something that just turns around in a couple months, this isn't something that turns around in a year. This is a plan that continues to grow year after year."



Wind storm knocks out power

Widespread power outages across the province that began on Nov. 15 during severe wind storms were being assessed and power being restored when possible, according to a Nov. 16 update. "Hydro One crews continue today to assess damage and safely restore power following yesterday's severe windstorm," read a notice on the Hydro One Stormcentre website. "High wind gusts of over 100 km/hour caused significant damage province-wide, and continue to move east. Crews and support staff remain ready to respond. Additional crews are being sent to the hardest hit areas of southwestern and central Ontario, and specialized off-road equipment and helicopters will be used to assist in restoration efforts." /Screenshot from the Hydro One Stormcentre

Some councillors leaning toward paying off arena faster

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etc, is valued at approximately \$40,000, and office furniture - and council has not yet decided whether those items will be funded internally, or through the nearly \$12-million debenture from Infrastructure Ontario that is paying for the bulk of the project.

Councillor Bob Carter noted that regulations mean the township has 120 days from Oct. 30, from substantial completion, to determine precisely what will be included in the loan.

"We need to get those numbers as quickly as possible to get this determined and the total, if you will, the total project wrapped up," Carter said regarding the snack bar and office

While it had seemed the initial plan was

to go with a 30-year debenture, with interest rates low, some members of council seem to be leaning toward a 25-year term for repayment. A staff report from finance director Lorrie Blanchard showed that would equate to annual payments of \$630,860, less than the original projection of nearly \$650,000 for a 30-year term, when interest rates had been

"Going to 25 years, roughly, that's about \$925,000 in interest that we wouldn't be paying," Carter said.

With regard to the snack bar and office furniture and how they will be funded, Devolin said the township's new community services director Craig Belfry is "furiously at work, and in the very near term, we're going to see a report back on that."

Explosives detonated on area property

by SUE TIFFIN

Times Staff

Residents in Minden Hills who heard loud explosions on the evening of Nov. 9 received an answer to the cause of the blasts with an OPP press release.

Jaime Bilodeau was one of those residents. She was outside on her back deck, minutes south of Minden."It was seasonably warm for the time of year so I was enjoying the mild weather," she said. "Then out of the quiet stillness a thumping boom sounded to the left of me. I felt it in my chest."

Bilodeau immediately sent a text to her partner, who was hunting.

"He replied with amazement, as he and others had heard the same thing. Our geographical locations were not really close together, so this was weird.'

About seven minutes after hearing and feeling the first boom, Bilodeau said, another

cluster of four booms followed.

After messaging neighbours to ensure everyone was OK, she wondered what she had

Bilodeau posted on her personal social media, and received responses that people from various spots in Minden Hills had also heard the explosions.

Haliburton Highlands OPP reported on Nov. 11 that at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, they responded with the OPP Explosive Disposal Unit to a call regarding an unexploded mining charge at a property on County Road 21 in Minden Hills. "Due to the nature of the explosives, the EDU members disposed of them at the scene using approved disposal techniques," reads the release. "EDU members rendered the scene safe for the property owner and public."

The OPP reminded the public to call police if they suspect they may have come across what they believe may be explosives.

Revenue from ice track important to Kin Club

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upcoming negotiations, said Tom Prentice, Kin Club member.

"It's money. That's what it boils down to because we need to cover our costs," he said. "That's what it all boils down to is dollars and cents for the Kin Club."

He hopes an agreement can be made to salvage a down year in terms of money-making events for the club, which was forced to cancel a major event for the club, the Minden Kin Truck Pull.

Prentice said it will mean a great deal to the Kin Club.

"We weren't able to pull off a truck pull this year. And then of course the [Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival] was cancelled two years ago. So we haven't had an event to raise any money since last winter so this is a big issue for us if we can make some money here," he said. "We're scared that if they don't have the COVID under control we might not be able to run a truck pull next year so this is a real big thing. We're really working with these groups that are interested to try and come up with something that's doable."

If there isn't ice racing this year, it will be the first time in 42 years.

What precipitated the need for new clients started with an email sent on Tuesday, Nov. 3, by CASC ice race director Steve Manol.

"After many hours of consultation with all the parties involved in staffing and administrating the events, it has been decided that



The Canadian Automobile Sport Club - Ontario Region ice races have been held in Minden for close to four decades, with the Minden Kin Club and other volunteers dedicating much time to preparing the track at the Minden Fairgrounds for the annual event, which runs about six weeks and brings in drivers from around Ontario. With the CASC pulling out from organizing ice races in Minden this winter, the LexusSport Cup is being considered to take its place as organizer, if they meet the Kin Club's financial terms. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

the 2021 CASC Minden Ice Race Series has been cancelled," he wrote.

Prentice said CASC backed out because they couldn't get enough volunteers, due to pandemic precautions. Manol did not respond to requests for comment following his email message.

Prentice said without the racing there won't be important revenue being generated for the club other than ILR Car Control School.

"Our only source of income is Super TV bingo, and the truck pull and the ice racing and the winter driving. So when you eliminate the truck pull and eliminate the ice racing we're down to that driving school," he said, referring to what amounts to at least 30 per cent of the club's annual revenue.

Prentice said the ice track will be made starting early in December regardless of what happens in the meeting because of an agreement with the ILR Car Control School.

"That's been all cut and dried and approved and everything has gone through the township and approved by the township. That's a

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one-on-one thing. It's not a group of people together," he said.

Without a racing series, Prentice said, a track that isn't as wide for racing will be

The track is usually about 60 feet wide and just shy of a kilometre in distance with five

Ian Law of ILR confirmed his school's booking, which teaches drivers through theory and practical lessons on the ice track how to control vehicles during the winter. The school also provides instruction to MTO staff, federal and provincial agency employees and police.

Although the school hopes to start late-December, the tentative schedule of classes starts on Saturday, Jan. 2 and continues every Saturday up to March 6. Any overflow will be held on Sundays. Dates are subject to the weather and related to the track conditions. The school will employ COVID-19 safety protocols such as mask wearing, hand sanitizing and restricting access to indoor lessons to only instructors and students. See their website carcontrolschool.com for more information.

Prentice is crossing his fingers the club's terms are met to book the only CASC sanctioned ice track in the province will be met. He said having other groups step in to book the facility will be a good thing.

"I don't want to say it's as good as we've had in the past, but it could save our bacon,' he said.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.
The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

November 26 - Council Meeting December 10 - Council Meeting

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Minden marks Remembrance Day

Above, members of the Minden Legion's colour party stand in front of the cenotaph at the Village Green during a Remembrance Day ceremony the morning of Nov. 11. The event was scaled down amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including mainly members of the Legion's executive. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Bagpiper Fraser MacDonald provided music for the ceremony.

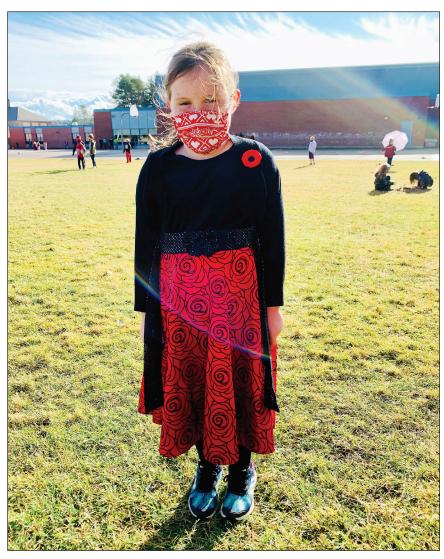


Face masks were a new addition to the uniforms of members of the Minden Legion.



ASES students remember

Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Jace Arteau wears his Scout uniform while standing at the school's Peace Pole located at the front entrance. Students observed Remembrance Day by dressing in black and red, wearing their uniforms such as the Scouts, and by creating classroom wreaths. The school's flag was at half-mast and there were images, music and artwork on morning announcements all week. Social media was used to educate and inform the community. /Submitted by Jane Austin



Archie Stouffer Elementary School student McKenna Allore came to school in an ensemble to recognize Remembrance Day this year and "honour the fallen," according to her principal.









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Big on broadband

CHAD INGRAM

Reporter

T'S NOT every day, week, month, year or really ever that the premier of Ontario comes to Minden, so it was a pretty big deal when Premier Doug Ford arrived in town earlier this month for a surprise announcement regarding rural broadband funding ahead of the release of the provincial budget.

A few members of his cabinet, including the province's finance minister, joined Ford and there was a buzz of excitement at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre ahead of the

announcement on Nov. 4. It seemed like something big was about to happen and, indeed, it was.

The announcement was for \$680 million of funding over the next few years for the expansion of broadband internet services in the province, particularly for rural and underserved areas. Ford and Haliburton-Kawartha

Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario
Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott
noted that combined with previous
funding the Ford government had
tabled for the cause, it totalled nearly
\$1 billion. At the announcement, Scott
said she hoped the federal government
would unlock its Universal Broadband
Fund and, indeed, the next week it
did, making hundreds of millions of
dollars more available for broadband
expansion projects.

So, there is going to be a ton of money available for internet projects, which seems like and is great news, but as we've seen again and again in Haliburton County, the challenge lies in those projects actually resulting in widespread, tangible benefit.

Previous large-scale projects have fallen far short of their connectivity goals, leaving swaths of the county with poor or finicky connection to the internet. Certainly, the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically underscored the problems with internet in the county and the dire need for improved connectivity. Amid the pandemic, municipal councils have been holding meetings via online conferencing app Zoom, those meetings live-streamed to the public on YouTube. Meetings of local councils are almost invariably derailed at some point by some kind of connectivity issue. Councillors or staff members may freeze up on screen, or sometimes simply vanish.

It's not unusual to hear something to the effect of, "We've lost the deputy mayor. We'll take a break while we try to get her back."

Stable, reliable, broadband internet is essential for business, essential for education in a post-pandemic landscape, and essential for continuing to attract

people to the area. In that way, the ability to stream Netflix is basically

There are a couple of proverbial irons in the fire currently; the cell gap project being conducted by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, and a county-led project through the province's ICON (Improving Connectivity in Ontario) program. Certainly throwing whatever you can at the wall and hoping it sticks has sort of become the philosophy when it comes to improving connectivity in the county.

While these projects are typically complex private-partnerships between all levels of government and telecom companies, meaning they take years to complete, hopefully the announcement earlier this month will finally mean real, reliable, community-wide connectivity in Haliburton County.



An early start to the season. /KAREN LONDON Staff

Bootcamp

N THE pantheon of things an outdoorsman must one day mourn, an old pair of hunting boots is high on the list – somewhere between the wool long underwear he has never washed and the favourite fishing lure that he found lodged in an overhanging limb.

Needless to say, retiring a pair of hunting boots is never an easy thing. For an old pair of hunting boots is like an old friend, although most times they smell a whole lot better

The problem, in my experience, is that it

is difficult to know exactly when to say goodbye. For, as outdoorsmen, we are often in denial as to how bad the boots really are.

The stages of denial are subtle too. First, we deny that they now have holes in them that allow water in. Instead, we blame the sloshing noise inside them on an unnatural increase in foot sweat.

Even when the boots fill up with water and act like a bilge pump with each step, we do not place the blame with the boot. Rather, we go to a podiatrist who, if he is insensitive to these things, breaks the news that those old beat up boots are to blame.

After that point, we buy all sorts of boot sealing and patching products and we do our best to prevent water from getting in.

We also rough up the treads that have worn down to the point of dangerous. We replace laces and eyelets. We patch and try to sew the leather tongue.

When all that fails, we relegate those boots to dry weather use.

We do this because they are comfortable from years of breaking in, and because we remember how much we paid for them 15 years ago, and because they are a good brand, and mostly because have you seen the price of good boots lately?

But also because of nostalgia.

After all, these are the boots that we wore when we took our best buck, the ones we shot limits of grouse and duck with, discovered new country with, and met an old friend while wearing. We wore these boots during all the best outdoors moments of our lives.

And when we took off these boots in front of the person we finally settled on,

he or she did not wince at the smell emanating from them, which pretty well confirmed our compatibility.

In short, old hunting boots are special and, if we are a little superstitious, some of us might even consider them lucky. So it's no wonder that we refuse to accept that they are on their way out.

But eventually, there comes a time when we must accept that

everything must one day pass. Your first clue is probably when the lower half of the boot separates from the upper half a mile from the road.

That's when you duct tape them up one last time and make the long walk back.

Then when you get home, you take them off and put them away in the basement, where they will remain, in hopes that one day modern science will come up with better boot restoration technology.

And as much as it pains you, you go online and do your research, and then you go to the store for another pair of hunting boots that will be your constant companions for the next 10 seasons or so.

But before this happens, you do a whole lot of sole searching.



STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Laughter in the gloom

ATE AUTUMN can be a depressing time. Early November sunshine and warmth give way to cloud and cold. It's a down time waiting for ✓ good things to begin – things like winter sports, Christmas and other winter holidays and festivities.

COVID-19 has worsened the November depression as the pandemic gallops

The news of each day is filled with reports of soaring infections, hospitalizations and deaths. The virus, and the accompanying heavy anxiety, lifestyle changes and economic damage, are felt by us all.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

I had enough of the bad news, so I went looking for alternate news, the weird stuff that can leave you laughing, or at least shaking your head and smiling.

Laughter is increasingly seen in medical communities as a valuable medicine in helping to keep a body healthy. It is known to release nitric oxide, a chemical that relaxes blood vessels, reduces blood pressure and decreases clotting.

And, there's a lot to laugh at out there in this crazy

For instance, the report of three guys who canoed and walked hours to get into the Shoshone Gever

Basin in Wyoming. They got hungry and decided to cook two chickens in a hot spring.

The temperature of hot springs runs up to 400 Fahrenheit, 300 degrees higher than what is needed to boil a chicken.

A park ranger happened by and charged them with walking in a protected thermal area. They were banned from the park area for two years and received fines of up to \$1,200.

The chickens were overcooked.

The big news these days out of Port Moody, which is part of Metro Vancouver, is that people are locking their cars to keep the bears out.

Earlier this fall police received a call from a nervous resident who heard her car alarm go off in the middle of the night. The cops arrived to find a panicky bear inside the car.

The bear presumably got into the car by simply pulling on the door handle. Once inside it began thrashing around and hit the door locks.

A conservation officer was called to get the bear out and release it back into

Car break-ins by curious bears are not rare in Vancouver's eastern suburbs. Apparently, the bears have discovered that pulling and poking sometimes opens a car door and lets them into a soft and warm place to nap. And, you never know when someone has left a chocolate bar behind.

On the other side of the country, Facebook has reversed its ruling that sweet onion seeds are "overtly sexual."

A Newfoundland seed company tried posting on Facebook a photo of large, round onions as a means of advertising its Walla Walla onion seeds. The social media giant blocked the ad, saying that the photo of whole onions bunched together in a wicker basket was obviously sexual.

"You'd have to have a pretty active imagination to look at that and get something sexual out of it." said The Seed Company manager Jackson McLean. "I guess something about the two round shapes there could be misconstrued as boobs or something ..."

When the national media got hold of the story Facebook reversed its decision. A Facebook spokesperson said it was the result of an algorithm mix-up.

"We use automated technology to keep nudity off our apps, but sometimes it doesn't know a Walla Walla onion from a, well, you know," said the spokesperson.

Meanwhile, RCMP in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba are laughing over an unusual arrest made recently.

They received a call about a drunk causing a disturbance in the town. They sent two cruisers, one marked and one unmarked to the scene.

The drunk, a 19-year-old man, saw the marked police car and fled, then spotted a car he thought was a taxi. He jumped into the back seat telling the driver, "Take me to 17th Street, bro."

The driver took him directly to the police station. The car the drunk thought was a taxi actually was the unmarked police car.

The kid was jailed to sober up, then released without charges.

Hopefully the COVID-19 pandemic will end soon and we all will be laughing and smiling more.

Burpees - revisited

LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

HAVE WRITTEN about burpees in the past. They still are not a favourite exercise for anyone that I work with. I'm hoping that by changing the way they are done, an appreciation for them will grow. They will never be loved but perhaps

they can be respected as they are one of the best movements for us to do.

To refresh your memory the burpee was created in 1939 by a physiologist named Royal H. Burpee. It was intended to be done as part of a fitness test. Since it was invented it has turned into a torturous part of workouts in various exercise classes. That's really too bad because completing large quan-

tities at a fast pace increases the risk of injury. Hence the bad reputation. We can turn that around by using the "less is more" philosophy. There are so many amazing benefits to doing a burpee with the biggest being getting up and down from the floor in a controlled manner.

A slow motion burpee would look like this:

- Start in a standing position.
- Squat down and put your hands flat on the floor in front of you (move hands out from in front of your feet to make that happen if you need to).*
- Move one leg at a time back so you end up in a straight arm plank. Hold that position, with tight abdominal muscles, for a

- Slowly lower yourself so you're lying flat on the floor (call for help – kidding).
- Lift yourself back to the straight arm plank position.
 - One at a time, step your feet back to the squat position with your hands
 - still flat on the floor. • Slowly stand up to the
 - starting position. • Repeat if you want to.
 - *If the floor is not an option use something higher like a countertop or a chair that is secured in place.

Look at that. There's a squat, a straight arm plank, and a push-up all contained in that burpee. What happens when

you do this exercise like this - slowly - regularly is that your range of motion increases. You'll find that your hands can be closer to your feet when they're flat on the floor. Your squat will get lower. The grunt that occurs when moving your feet backward or forward will subside and disappear. The entire movement will become more fluid and the best thing is that you'll be stronger for doing it. Now that deserves respect.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.



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Staff suggesting additional landfill fees

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills staff are recommending additional fees at the township's land-fills – including a fee for the replacement of lost landfill cards – to help offset the operating budget for waste disposal.

"This is pre-budget," said Mayor Brent Devolin, noting that any decisions about the fee suggestions would be made within the context of council's 2021 budget discussions.

"We identified quite a few financial pressures," said waste facilities manager Tara Stephen during a Nov. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting, "... and we wanted to find some means of generating revenue to offset those budget pressures."

As Stephen noted, the cost of contracted services continues to rise, with about half of the township's waste disposal work done through contractors, about half in-house. She also noted that collapsing commodity markets around the world, particularly for recyclable materials, has meant municipal governments are not generating as much revenue for materials such as scrap metal as they once did. Also, Stephen said a number of funding programs that once helped support waste disposal operations have been discontinued.

It means that waste disposal operations are largely supported by the township's tax base at this point in time.

"The issue with that is that the tax base, while it's paying for this programming, doesn't equally contribute to it," Stephen said. "So there are people who contribute very little cost to the tax base, they produce half a bag of garbage and some household recycling every week, and that's it."

"And there are people within the tax base who create enormous costs to our system," she continued, "and what we're trying to do with some of the suggestions in this report is just help shift the cost of our waste management system from the tax base onto the users creating the cost."

One of those suggestions is introducing a \$5 fee to replace lost landfill cards.

"In 2020, we replaced 357 cards, and that's just to date," Stephen said, noting there had been a couple of requests since the report was written. "It's quite a time-consuming process and while [it's a nominal cost], it's a cost on the tax base that is really not necessary to have there."

Stephen estimated the cost of replacing the 357 landfill cards was about \$1,300.

"Implementing a small fee of \$5 for replacing cards could generate revenue of \$1,700, which would cover the cost of managing that program, and it would also discourage people from losing their cards," she said.

Another suggestion is increased tipping fees for furniture left at the landfill.

"Our current tipping fee is \$10 per unit, which is a steal," Stephen said. "Our cost to manage each piece of furniture we get in the landfill site is about \$18, so we're losing almost \$8 for ev-

ery piece of furniture that arrives at our

It was Stephen's recommendation the tipping fee for furniture be raised to \$20 per unit, which would offset the cost of managing the program.

"I'm proposing we also implement a fee for leaf and yard waste," she said. "... Many municipalities are starting to charge for this material, because it is an enormous administrative burden managing it, and a significant cost to managing it as well."

"Historically, we use leaf and yard waste as landfill cover," Stephen said. "It's a terrible landfill cover, and I will tell you that right now. It creates odours, it contributes to leachate outbreaks, which as you know are a big problem at our site, and so we've stopped doing that."

The municipality does not have permission in its environmental compliance approval from the province to compost leaves on-site. "We're working towards it, but there's still a cost to composting even if you were to compost this material. So right now, we are in a position where we need to ship it off site to be properly managed . . . and we anticipate \$45,000 a year in costs associated with that."

The township currently charges a tipping fee for the disposal of sticks and brush.

"So we're proposing that we extend that tipping fee over to leaves, grass, pine needles stream of material," Stephen said, adding the recommended fee was \$2 per bag, a flat rate of \$15 for loads under one cubic yard, and then \$30 per cubic yard over that. "This almost precisely covers our costs on it," she said.

Stephen said staff was hoping to implement the fee changes for January of 2021.

Another recommendation dealt with contaminated soil, for which a fee of \$20 per cubic yard is currently charged and the recommendation is \$30 per cubic yard, which staff say would cover associated costs.

"Some wonderful food for thought for our 2021 budget process," Devolin said.

Councillor Pam Sayne wondered about a distinction between commercial and residential rates, and also wondered about a system where landfill cards would be barcoded.

"Right now, the cards are just a piece of paper that have no ID with them, no accountability to them, and can be handed out easily for another \$5," Sayne said.

Stephen said there could be investigation of Sayne's suggestions, and agreed that data collected through barcoded cards would be valuable to the township's waste management process.

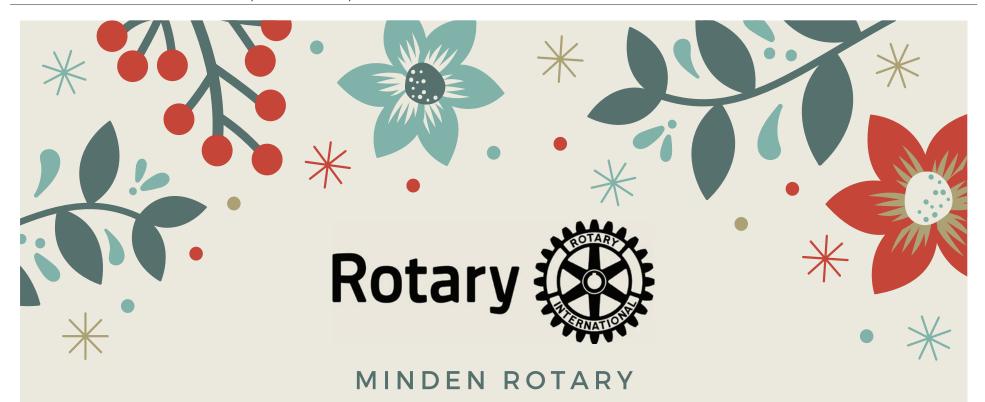
"Let's go through the budget process and decide what your numbers should be," said Councillor Bob Carter. "If going through the total budget process we find that our costs are really going to escalate in one area or another, it may be that a piece of furniture goes to \$22, or whatever it is. I think that this is a good exercise, and we should set our fees dependent on what our costs are actually going to be."



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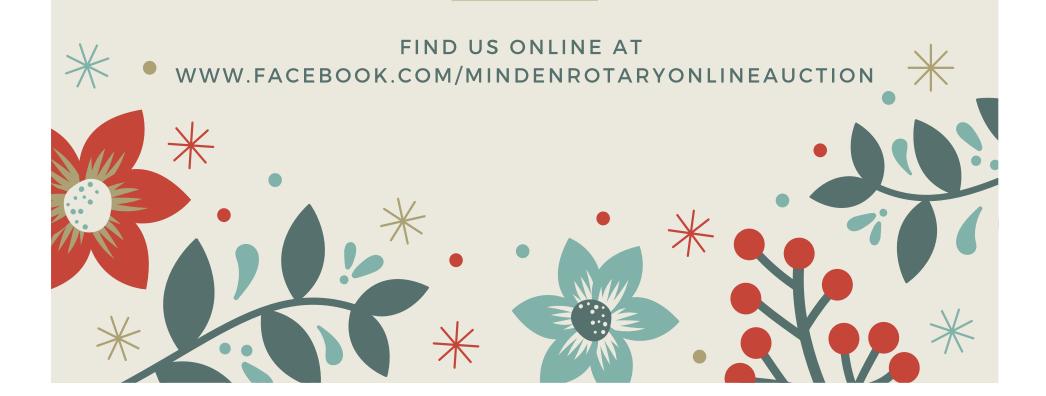
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Philanthropists donate \$50,000 in support of YWCA

A \$50,000 donation from David and Patricia Morton of the Morton Foundation is helping to ensure the continuation of critical YWCA outreach services for women who experience violence in Haliburton County.

"We are inspired by the courage of isolated and vulnerable women who are struggling to survive and escape from abuse and violence, and to build a better life for themselves and their children. We greatly hope that our donation will encourage others to help to support them and the dedicated and great work of the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA," said Patricia Morton.

"David and Patricia Morton's generous donation is helping to ensure that rural women who are experiencing violence continue to have the resources and support of YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County," says YWCA Peterborough Haliburton's Ria Nicholson. "Their support comes at a critical time and we are incredibly thankful!"

The need for safety and specialized supports that address violence against women has increased steadily since the initial lockdown this spring, particularly in rural areas. YWCA Peterborough Haliburton's clinical therapist and transition support workers, who continue to work remotely by phone, text and email, are seeing between five to 10 new women per week reaching out for support.

"Recent trends in the county, with more cottagers opting to stay in the area, have resulted in an increase in calls to our Haliburton County services for information, support, and safety planning," explains YWCA executive director, Kim Dolan. "We expect this to continue as the reports of abuse are more serious and complex given the heightened stressors brought on by the pandemic.'

YWCA outreach programming in Haliburton County offers clinical therapy and counselling, risk assessment and safety planning, systems navigation and referral, emergency client transportation, court accompaniment, and more.

The YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County provides a home base for three part-time transition support workers, one full-time clinical therapist, an office coordinator, and an independent family law lawyer who provides much-needed family law information to women. Services are currently provided with changes to help reduce the risk of COVID-19

transmission. The organization says its commitment to protecting the health and safety of women and children in the community is stronger than ever.

Members of the community who wish to donate or find ways of supporting YWCA crisis and support services are encouraged to contact Ria Nicholson directly at 705-743-3526 x113 or rnicholson@vwcapeterborough.org.

If you, or someone you know, need support please contact the YWCA's 24 Hour Support & Crisis Line: toll-free at 1-800-461-7656, local phone at 705-286-6442 or by text at 705-991-0110.

Submitted by YWCA



Smile Cookies funds help fill food bank shelves

Volunteers from the Minden Community Food Centre met with representatives from Minden Tim Hortons to receive a cheque for \$4,045, which will be spent on food to keep up with winter demand at the food bank and fund Christmas hampers. The food bank expects to assemble 200 hampers. From left, Tim Hortons' Nancy Bishop, Bruce Fisher and Pat Thornett from the food bank, and Debbie Rouble from Tim Hortons. The donation comes from the Smile Cookie campaign, a week-long initiative. Volunteers from the food bank assisted in decorating the cookies. Bishop said this year's total appears to be one of the highest for Minden. /JENN WATT Staff



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Highlands Storage encourages reviews with SIRCH donation

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

Highlands Storage owner Petra Hamann is looking to raise money and the profile for her favourite charity, SIRCH Community Services this year with her Donation for Review initiative.

For every customer review submitted before Dec. 25 about the Carnarvon-based storage business, she will add \$15 to its donation to SIRCH this year.

Being a local business owner for more than 10 years has given her insight into the people who live here and who have used her service. She believes in supporting a cause in the community that helps to address important local issues and that directly helps people.

The business's strength is its commitment to its customers, she said.

"We care for our customers, their unique situations, and their needs ... self-storage typically offers only very limited opportunities to forge a client relationship, so the Donation for Review drive simply gives us a rare opportunity to show that we care, to connect with, and at the same time also to engage our customers. We donate and they help raise the funds," she wrote in an email. "From a business viewpoint, the best representation that we can get is truthful customer feedback posted on our website. Naturally, despite best intentions, everyone can get a little hesitant when it comes to writing something up. Helping to raise money for SIRCH is just the little nudge to make it happen. Also, I am sure, our Donation for Review drive introduces SIRCH to some who might not have heard about the organization before and [will] maybe engage beyond leaving a comment on our website."

SIRCH offers many programs, providing training for people to find employment through Ready for Retail and Cook it Up, and offering resources and social enterprises such as the Thrift Warehouses in Haliburton and Bancroft to create resilience, confidence and connection. Other programs include the Apple Sauce Project, Lunch is on Us, School's Cool and support for new mothers with Bumps & Babies (Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program).

This is the second year for Highlands Storage's Donation for Review drive.

Hamann said this idea could be used by other businesses. Over the past several years, she has followed SIRCH's efforts in the community on social media and in traditional media. She said SIRCH's values resonated with her.

"Currently our programs and social enterprises reflect our vision: to have thriving communities where each person feels connected, supported and encouraged," SIRCH's website reads. "Our focus is on creating resilience, reducing poverty and encouraging connection."

"I think they have made a difference and will continue to help advance this community," Hamann said.

"The SIRCH initiatives empower and enable individuals to ultimately follow their own paths, build on the strengths that everyone has, address environmental concerns, open up young minds for the value of education, connect people who otherwise may not have a support network, and much more."

Get your reviews posted to www.highlands-storage.com before the Dec. 25 deadline to be counted towards the SIRCH donation. Hamann's goal is to raise \$1,000 with the support of customers.



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— PETRA HAMANN













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Arena fundraising committee to meet virtually

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The fundraising committee for the Minden Hills arena project will begin convening meetings virtually, acting as a guinea pig for the re-establishment of township advisory committee meetings in an online format.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, all meetings of councils and advisory committees within the county were initially cancelled. Later in the spring, the provincial government passed special legislation allowing municipal councils and committees to meet electronically, and shortly thereafter, councils in the county began holding online meetings. Meetings are conducted with members participating remotely through online conferencing app Zoom and live-streamed to the public via YouTube.

"As we make the journey back to some normalcy, it took a while for council to get in our new normal, I'm excited to see the first of many committees that we have, that there's potentially a path back to that," said Mayor Brent Devolin during a Nov. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The township has a dozen committees of council in total. Along with the arena fundraising committee, there is the arena building task force; cemetery board; climate change action committee; cultural centre advisory committee; events committee; housing task force; the Irondale hall committee; the Lochlin hall committee; the planning and development committee; the roads committee; and the septic re-inspection program task

It was the recommendation of chief ad-

ministrative officer Trisha McKibbin that the arena fundraising committee begin meeting, and that it essentially be used as a trial, with more committee meetings added after the dynamics have been worked out.

"We do know that committees of council are wanting to meet and get back to work, but we . . . are aware that it does require a little more staff time and attention to do the meetings virtually," McKibbin said.

"There is a requirement that the meetings are public," she continued, saying her preference was for committee meetings to be live-streamed in the same fashion as council meetings

Councillor Bob Carter wondered about recording meetings and then broadcasting them publicly afterward, to reduce the pressure on staff and associated costs.

McKibbin said it was her preference for meetings to be live-streamed so that they are publicly available at the time they are happening.

"During this process, we'll explore all of the options," she told Carter.

An initial fundraising committee that had been struck to raise money to help offset the nearly \$13-million price tag for the township's new arena was essentially disbanded late last year following criticism from some councillors and members of the public that it contained too many municipal staffers. The fundraising goal for the committee, set before the pandemic began, had been \$750,000.

In August, a new fundraising committee was struck through a motion of council, that committee consisting of Councillor Jennifer Hughey, Eric Casper, Emma Hamilton, Betty Mark and McKibbin.



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Over half of our patients this year were birds, including orphaned songbirds, waterfowl with broken beaks, wings or legs, woodpeckers, hawks and owls, turkey vultures and even injured and abandoned bald eagles. They kept us fluttering all day and well into the night, with their demanding feeding schedules and intensive care. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't do it without them, and survived the hectic spring and summer months because of their commitment to the sanctuary and their loving care to all the wild ones.

One of our memorable animals this year was a baby wild turkey with two broken legs. How it happened, we do not know but we never imagined that he would recover. After several months of medications and hands-on rehabilitation, we were ecstatic to see him standing, and just recently released him into a wild flock of turkeys. He was accepted right away and was as excited to be free as we were to see him go. Absolutely heart-warming for us all.

The costs of rehabilitating wildlife is not supported by the government or any of its agencies. As a volunteer-based charity, we need to raise our own funds to care for the vast range of animals we admit into care.

They require specialty formulas and speciesspecific diets, and many need fresh raw foods. Their health and well-being while in our care is our top priority. Medical procedures, medical supplies and suitable indoor and outdoor enclosures with enough space are costly.

COVID-19 has made our fundraising efforts even more challenging this year. Even though the number of animals greatly increased, our financial support did not, and we need to replenish our resources. We invite you to our 2020 online auction, where you can "Bid Wild 4 Wildlife" and win some amazing items for yourself or as a gift for that someone special. Hundreds of unique items are up for grabs at low starting bids, all donated by our local artists, merchants and our supporters.

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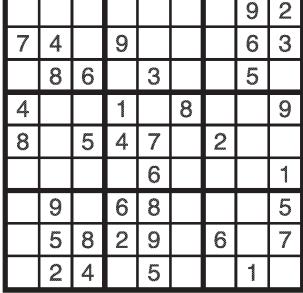
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Answers on page 19

Shriners not selling cakes this year

by KRISTENA SCHUTT-MOORE

Special to the Times

Every year when the temperatures drop, the Algonquin Shriners can be found at Bancroft, Minden and Haliburton businesses selling their famous Christmas cakes and cookies. This year however, they are unable to do so due to COVID-19 and the resulting regulations and restrictions.

These cakes have been sold for years to help support children who are patients at the Shriners Hospitals and their families. The children admitted to one of the 22 Shriners'

hospitals receive treatments for health problems including bones, joints and muscle issues and conditions such as spina bifida, cerebral palsy and brittle bone disease. They are also well known for their work in burn care. The patients receive all their treatment, care, transportation and services provided regardless of the family's ability to pay. Shriners also cover the cost of accommodations and transportation for their parents if

The Shriners wish to thank those who have participated in the cake sales in the past and hope to be able to help their customers get their annual fruit cake fix next year.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these

AND FURTHER THAT a public meeting will be held electronically regarding the proposed applications on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation via Zoom, no persons will be permitted in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building. The public meeting can be viewed online at the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/0RZbefAJwHE

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-009/20

Applicant: GRANT and McCAREY-McINERNEY

Location: Pt. Lt. 11, Con 7, Geographic Township of Minden now

in the Township of Minden Hills Purpose of Application: Lot Addition

2. File No. H-019/20

Applicant: HARBURN HOLDINGS

Location: Pt. Lt. 10, Con 9, Geographic Township of Dysart now

in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Purpose of Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the County of Haliburton Administrative Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 11 day of November, 2020

Charlsey White, MCIP, RPP Director of Planning/Deputy CAO Haliburton County Land Division Committee 11 Newcastle Street P. O. Box 399 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 Telephone: (705) 286-1333 or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 222 Fax: (705) 286-4829

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A TELECONFERENCE CALL

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

10:30 AM

LOCATION:

Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearingby way of a teleconference call. To participate:

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to consider minor variance applications PLMV2020034, PLMV2020035, PLMV2020037, PLMV2020038, PLMV2020039, PLMV2020047, and PLMV2020048. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2020034 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1008 Kitty Cat Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a reduction in the required 23m. (75'6") setback from the High Water Mark (HWM) to 13.1m. (43') to allow for the reconstruction of the existing ~ 81.4 m2 (876sq.ft.) single storey dwelling with a new 111.5 m2 (1,200sq.ft.) three storey dwelling with an attached 31.6 m2 (340sq.ft.) sunroom and 63.2 m2 (680sq.ft.) open deck. As a result of the development the dwelling, sunroom, and open deck would encroach a further 5.4m. (17'9"), 3.9m. (12'8"), and 1.3m. (4'3") towards the HWM respectively with a total lot coverage of 15.6%, which is greater than the 15% maximum otherwise permitted.



PLMV2020035 - Part of Lot 8 & 9, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1323 Fleece Trail; and located on Minden Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 106.8 m2 (1,150sq.ft.), non-complying dwelling situated 21.6m. (71') from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new larger and taller dwelling maintaining the same setback. As a result of the development, the dwelling would measure 164.4 m2 (1,770sq.ft.) in size and 6.6m. (21'8") in height which is 57.6 m2 (620sq.ft.) larger and 2.9m. (9'8") taller than the existing dwelling and would exceed the maximum 25% increase in size and 1.2m. (3'11") increase in height otherwise permitted for a non-complying building.



PLMV2020037 - Part of Lot 16, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1179 Bob Beeny Trail; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new 66.9 m2 (720sq.ft.) detached garage with a 2nd storey sleeping cabin measuring 5.9m. (19'6") in height as measured to midpoint of roof to be located 20.3m. (66'6") from the High Water Mark (HWM); and, to permit the encroachment of the existing dwelling into a required side yard. The variance sought would allow for an increase in the maximum height of an accessory building located less than 45m. (147'8") from the HWM, which would otherwise be limited to 3.5m. (11'6") in height; and, to permit an interior side yard setback of 3.5m. (11'6") whereas 4.5m. (14'9") is otherwise required.



PLMV2020038 - Part of Lot 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1139 Crooked House Road; and located on Little Boshkung Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit an increase in the maximum allowable lot coverage from 15% to 17%. The variance sought would allow for the construction of a new 19 m2 (204.1sq.ft.) covered deck addition off the rear of the existing dwelling which would result in a total coverage of 257.7 m2 (2,774.1sq.ft.) on a lot measuring 0.15 ha. (0.38 ac.).



PLMV2020039 - Part of Lot 27, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 8700 Highway 35; and located on Moore Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of an addition measuring 53.5 m2 (576sq.ft.) to the existing 80.3 m2 (864sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling and an addition measuring 22.3 m2 (240sq.ft.) to the existing 33.4 m2 (360sq.ft.), non-complying, covered deck measuring. The additions exceed the 25% permitted increase is size for a non-complying dwelling and covered deck located 19.8m. (65') and 16.8m. (55') from the High Water Mark, respectively.



PLMV2020047 - Part of Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1037 Lapine Lane; and located on South Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 73 m2 (786sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling situated 6.4m. (21') from the High Water Mark (HWM) and measuring 3.8m. (12'6") in height (as measured to midpoint of roof) with a new 123.1 m2 (1,325sq.ft.) dwelling measuring 4.2m. (13'10") in height and maintaining the same setback from the HWM. Two attached decks measuring 9.7 m2 (104sq.ft.) and 8.4 m2 (90sq.ft.) are proposed at 6.4m. (21') and 9.4m. (31') from the HWM. The variance sought would allow for a 68.6% increase in size and a 0.4m. (1'4") increase in height whereas no increase in size or height is otherwise permitted for a non-complying dwelling located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM and for the new attached decks to be located within the required 19.5m. (64') setback.



PLMV2020048 - Part of Lot 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1074 Crofters Lane; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new 18.6 m2 (200sq.ft.) addition to the 106.8 m2 (1,150sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling which is situated 12.8m. (42') from the High Water Mark (HWM). The variance sought would allow for the construction of a new porch and dwelling addition to a non-complying dwelling located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM which is not otherwise permitted.



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WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of

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For more information about this matter contact iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

Ian Clendening, MPI., ACST Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A TELECONFERENCE CALL

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE:

TIME: 10:30 AM Due to the

Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearingby way of a teleconference call. To participate:

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to consider minor variance applications PLMV2020057, PLMV2020058, PLMV2020063, PLMV2020064, PLMV2020065, and PLMV2020066. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2020057 - Part of Lot 1, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as <u>1217 Bob Beeny Trail</u>; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a reconstruction of the existing 72.5 m2 (780sq.ft.) non-conforming boathouse with a new, taller, boathouse occupying the same footprint but with a pitched roof. The variance sought would allow for a 1.8m. (5'10") increase in height (as measured to midpoint of roof).



PLMV2020058 - Part of Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as <u>1345 Martin's Trail</u>; and located on Black Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 14.9 m2 (160sq.ft.) non-complying building situated 13m. (42'6" from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new 55 m2 (592sq.ft.) dwelling encroaching to a distance of 10.7m. (35') from the HWM. The variance sought would allow for the increase in size and height of a building located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM, and for the further encroachment to the HWM which are not otherwise permitted.



PLMV2020063 - Part of Lot 7, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as <u>1059 Summer Lane</u>; and located on Minden Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new 22.3 m2 (240sq.ft.) addition to the existing 145 m2 (1,560.8sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling which is situated 14m. (45'11") from the High Water Mark (HWM). The variance sought would allow for an increase in size of a non-complying dwelling located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM which is not otherwise permitted.



PLMV2020064 - Part of Lot 11, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as <u>1131 Lackies Lane</u>; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 122.3 m2 (1,316.4sq.ft.) non-complying single storey dwelling situated 3.2m. (10'6") from the High Water Mark (HWM) and 3.2m. (10'6") from the side lot line with a new 148.3 m2 (1,596.3sq.ft.) two storey dwelling with a cantilevered open deck measuring 7.9m. (26') in height encroaching a further 0.2m. (0'6") towards the HWM and a further 0.1m. (0'3") into the required side yard. The variance sought would allow for the increase in size and height of a building located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM, and for the further encroachment to the HWM and side lot line which are not otherwise permitted.



PLMV2020065 - Part of Lot 8, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as <u>1540 Twelve Mile Lake Road</u>; and located on Twelve Mile Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 77.9 m2 (838sq.ft.) attached open deck which is situated 15.6m. (51'1") from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new enclosed sunroom maintaining the same setback. The variance sought would allow for a sunroom to be located within the required 23m. (75'6") setback from the HWM.



PLMV2020066 - Part of Lot 17 & 18, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as <u>1204 Forsters Road</u>; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new attached deck projecting to a distance of 14.6m. (48') from the High Water Mark (HWM). Recently Minor Variance Application PLMV20200028 was approved for the relocation and enlargement of the existing dwelling which was being moved from 13.4m. (44') to 18.3m. (60') from the High Water Mark. As the now proposed deck was not identified in the initial submission, the current application seeks to permit the proposed deck encroachment into the required setback from the HWM..



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Minden gets merry celebrating Christmas in the Village

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Soon after the snow starts falling, Christmas events held downtown and at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre traditionally bring the magic of the season and the community together, with kids cheering for Santa Claus, longtime friends greeting each other in the street, music filling the air and baked goods filling our cheeks.

While like everything else this year, Christmas will look different than in years past, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Township of Minden Hills is planning to kickstart the jolly festivities with a Christmas in the Village outdoor daytime event held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and outdoor evening event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., both on Nov. 21.

Laurie Carmount, Cultural Centre curator, said a German theme has been adopted for the event this year, reflecting the town's sister city, Minden, Germany.

"They have a famous Christmas market with a huge Christmas tree in the middle, top of which is a beautiful angel," she said. A large Christmas tree in the middle of the museum grounds will be at the centre of the action both day

"The magic this year continues with this family day tradition," said Carmount. "With everything located in one place: market, music, baked goods, candy shop and food, the day will be as special as before."

Visitors to the daytime event will be able to enjoy lunch, made available from the Irondale Historical Society, while Gord Kidd and Friends play traditional Christmas music beginning at noon noon. Santa is visiting from 1:30 to 2:30 and can collect letters at that time.

"We are also offering the Minden Christmas Herald which harkens back to the old days of coupon clipping from the newspaper," said Carmount. "Filled with local merchants' specials, this paper will be available for visitors to take away and use for their local Christmas shopping."

For the past few years, Minden has started the season with an annual lighting of the town - this year, that lighting is moved from the town to the heritage village within the Cultural Centre grounds when at 6:15, the village and the new giant Christmas tree are illuminated. Eric Casper will perform live music at the event, while catering will be provided by McKecks, featuring German sausage, kraut, kettle chips and German beer and wine. Bonfires and hot beverages, holiday mocktails and treats will be on offer.

To host the event during the pandemic, precautions include a button system being implemented at the event during the day, with a total of 100 buttons being available, and a controlled entrance and exit allowing staff to monitor the number of visitors on site at one time. Hand sanitizing stations, physical distancing and a mandatory mask policy will be in place.

Excitement is growing about the Christmas in the Village

"When the first promotions started rolling out for this event, we had a really good response," said Carmount. "The community is looking forward to having an event that is fol-



County of Haliburton Special Meeting of Council Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will convene in a Special Meeting of Council at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 25, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the Service Delivery Review Final Report. This meeting will be held virtually via web conference. The published agenda for the above noted date can be viewed online at http://haliburton.civicweb.net Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining via live-stream using the following link: https://youtu.be/dR61fEFpswQ

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The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is home to a heritage village, which includes the Bowron Log Home - a cozy spot to celebrate the festive season, as seen here in a photo from previous years./ Submitted

lowing procedures. It is the beginning of the holiday season and we need joy in our lives. This is a great family event that will have something for all. Even though it has restrictions it will still be fun."

Volunteers have stepped up wanting to assist with decorating and baking, said Carmount.

"Everyone is excited to have something to do," she said. Entry to Christmas in the Village by day is by donation, while tickets for the Lighting of the Village evening are available for \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, by calling 705-286-3763 or at On the Spot

Lighting it up

Variety in downtown Minden.

For those singing "there's no place like home for the holidays," Minden will be all the brighter this season, as the first ever Minden Hills Holiday Lights Contest brings festive sparkling colour to residences throughout the town.

"Knowing that this is an 'at home' Christmas, staff wants to inspire the community to be creative, and have fun decorating their homes," said Carmount.

Community members are being asked to creatively decorate their property with lights and holiday decor for a chance to win a \$150 gift certificate for a local business of their



SPECIAL MEETING 2021 BUDGET PROJECTS AND **PRIORITIES**

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice. We thank the public for their understanding as we work toward keeping our community safe and healthy in this uncertain time.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2021 Budget.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Tel: (705) 489-2379 dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca

Interested participants should register by Dec. 1, sharing a photo of the house being entered to add to the Holiday Trail Map, which will be printed in local newspapers and shared online. After a scenic drive, those who take in the sights at the sites will be able to vote for their favourite entry from Dec. 5 until Dec. 13 and the winner with the most votes will be announced on the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Facebook page on Dec. 14.

To register and for more information, visit www.MHCC. blog/lights. Registration forms are also available at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Agnes Jamieson Gallery reception, or by calling 705-286-3763.

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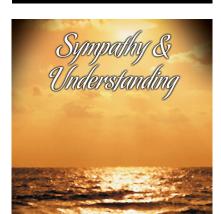
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Gartshore, Beverley Arnold

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Beverley at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday October 9th, 2020 at the age of 77.

Beloved husband of Barbara for over 57 devoted years. Adored father of Debbie (Jim) and Timothy (Karen). Cherished Popy of Trevor and Samantha.

Bev will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all his family and dear friends. His smile, his jokes, his sayings and his stories of a life well lived will always be treasured by those who knew him. Leafs Nation have truly lost a devoted and stubborn fan.

In keeping with Bev's wishes, cremation has taken place. If desired, Memorial donations to a charity of your choice will be much appreciated.



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Brooke Marlene Marie Mullan

(Resident of Gooderham)

Tragically, on Thursday, October 15, 2020 in her 12th year. Beloved Daughter of Linsey Mullan (Trotter) & Ian Brown and Steven Mullan & Amanda Flook. Adoring sister to Chase and Liam. Cherished Granddaughter of Alfred & Joan Trotter,

Raymond Brown & Donna Boudreau, Ken & Patricia Roberson, Carl & Louise Walma, Thomas & Jocelyn Mullan, and Joy Flook. Great Granddaughter to Taeda Walma. Lovingly remembered by her Aunts – Lacey & Lesley Trotter, Ruth Anne Mullan, Caroline Harrison, and her Uncles – Paul Mullan (Wendie), Tim Mullan, Chad Laws (Amber Wemp), Mike Walma (Tasha), and her many other Great Aunts & Uncles, cousins, and extended family. Devoted and loyal best friend to Ivy and Hayden. Godmother of Browning (a playful chocolate lab). Brooke loved to swim and skate and she was a brilliant and determined student. She loved school and her attendance was impeccable. She brought warmth to the world around her and was the kind of child who made everyone feel important and never let any of her peers feel left out or like they didn't belong. She was a positive role model, and she was always complimented for being polite and well mannered. She approached everyone she met with a kind and tender heart and the most wonderful of intentions. She will be loved and missed by all who were blessed to know her, shared in her presence, and had her light up their lives.

Visitation & Celebration of Life

Funeral Arrangements are incomplete at this time. We invite you to check back with us at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the family would be graciously appreciated by either E-Transfers to trotterbrownfund@gmail.com or a donation to the Kawartha Credit Union Account #556321141639. The family wish to thank the many people that have so graciously given. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0, 705.457.9209.

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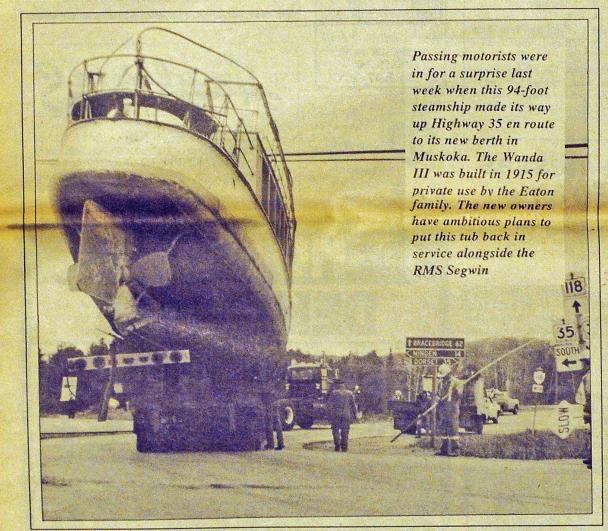
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Almost 71 percent of the eligible voters in Haliburton County cast their ballots last Monday, and the result was a surprisingly strong win for John

The Liberal candidate picked up 20,511 votes, beating out Reformer Barry Devolin by almost 5,000

Although O'Reilly will not be sworn in as this riding's Member of Parliament until later this week, he is already receiving dozens of calls from constituents in need of help from their representative.

Former MP Bill Scott's constituency office was closed down early last week.

Victoria-Haliburton has been a Conservative stronghold for the past 38 years. Scott, who filled the post for the past 27 years, announced his retirement prior to the election call. The Tories chose Lindsay lawyer Lorne Chester as their candidate this time around, but the best he could manage it this nationwide Liberal sweep was a third-place finish with 12,387 votes

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Minden Winter Carnival lives

It looks like the Minden Winter Carnival will live for at least one more year after residents banded together to save the annual fair.

About 15 people, including Minden councillors, attended a meeting last Wednesday night in an effort to save the carnival which was dropped by the Kinsmen who ran the event for the past 20 years. Representatives from the Legion, Lions Club, Kinsmen and Minden Skating Club were at the meeting as were several residents with no club affiliation.

All present at the meeting agreed the carnival should be geared to children. To this end, the carnival will undergo some important changes to make it more attractive to children and their families and also to cut down on costs.

The carnival was intially organized as a means of raising funds for the Kinsmen Club while providing a weekend of winter activities. Last year's carnival, however, operated at \$1,000 in the red. The club says it cost about \$10,000 to put on last year's events while

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income was just \$9,000. Despite this poor financial picture, the club still has \$4,700 left in its carnival budget that will be passed on to the new organizers.

"We do have a nest egg to kick us off with so it's not as if we're stuck with nothing," said Minden Reeve and new committee chair Bern Berry. "The problem is not finances, the problem is what are we going to do, what ideas do we have and where are we going to get the manpower?

Kinsmen president Jim Carrell said the committee should be "prepared to be amazed" when expenses do start rolling in. Winn Newbury, who was one of the first organizers of the event, said in the beginning the carnival didn't even have a budget, yet things still got done and everyone had a good time. Those who remembered the carnival's heyday in the 1970s said it was because the children were involved and so were the schools.

Gone are such events as the MuchMusic video dance party which lost money last year. In its place the new organizers want a return to the types of events the carnival had in its beginning years. A Carnival Queen and King contest, torch light parade, bonfire and a figure skating exhibition are being looked at for Friday night to kick off the weekend.

On Saturday events like a baseball tournament, cross-country ski races, arm wrestling, helicopter rides, sleigh rides, card games for seniors and a dinner are being planned. And yes, there will be a dance, although Berry said the format will have to be decided later by the committee which is comprised of Lisa Connelly, Dwight Thomas, Brian Moore and Jeanne Anthon. Moore was representing the chamber of commerce and the Lions Club. He said the chamber does not have the resources to help financially, but it will help spread the word.

Sunday's featured plans include ice skating, skating races, and a pancake breakfast. During the weekend the Kinsmen will have their regular ice car races and the curling club is hosting a bonspiel.

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